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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROGRAM AND GENERAL QUANG

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1. I CAN UNDERSTAND CANADIAN DESIRE UNLOAD QUANG, AND WOULD AGREE THAT USG BEARS SOME OBLIGATION TO ASSIST IN RESETTLING SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS EVACUATION FROM VIETNAM. BUT I FAIL TO SEE ANY LOGIC OR JUSTICE IN SEEKING OR EXPECTING TAIWAN -- OR ANY OTHER THIRD COUNTRY -- TO AGREE TO ACCEPT SOMEONE ELSE'S "BAD APPLES".

2. QUANG'S CASE, INCLUDING HIS UNSAVORY REPUTATION AND CANADIAN EFFORTS TO DEPORT HIM AS AN UNDESIRABLE ELEMENT, HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY HERE. IF GROC WOULD NOW AGREE TO TAKE QUANG OFF CANADIAN AND OUR HANDS WITHOUT RATIONAL EXPLANATION OF HOW SUCH ACTION SERVED ITS NATIONAL INTEREST (AND WE SEE NONE), IT WOULD EXPOSE ITSELF TO PUBLIC CRITICISM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. AT TIME WHEN PREMIER CHIANG IS PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NEED TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION (OFTEN CITED AS MAJOR INTERNAL WEAKNESS
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LEADING TO FALL OF SAIGON GOVERNMENT) HE WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO

JUSTIFY AN OFFER OF SAFE-HAVEN TO THE LIKES OF QUANG.
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